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1. PRIOR TO APRIL 29 POLADS, US REP COORDINATED WITH UK, FRENCH AND FRG POLADS CONCERNING UPDATE BRIEFING FOR NATO ALLIES ON THREE POWER GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDANCE AT V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS ON GERMAN SOIL. AS BRITISH AND FRENCH HAD NOT RECEIVED SUCH INSTRUCTIONS AND FRG REP WAS UNAWARE OF BONNS LATEST DECISIONS, US REP DURINGPOLADS MEETING LIMITED COMMENT TO NOTING WASHINGTON HAD RECENTLY PROVIDED REVISED AND SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONS TO OUR AMBASSADOR IN EAST BERLIN ADN DETAILS WOULD BE BRIEFED TO OTHER ALLIES FOLLOWING COORDIANTION WITH BONN GROUP ALLIES. US REP ALSO NOTED WASHINGTON HAD ANNOUNCED GOVERNOR HARRIMAN WOULD REPRESENT US AT MOSCOW V-E DAY CELEBRATION.

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2. UK REP REPORTED LORD MOUNTBATTEN AILL HEAD A "VERY SMALL" BRITISH V-E DAY DELEGATION TO MOSCOW AND AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE MADE LATER THIS WEEK.

- 3. NETHERLANDS REP SAID HIS FIREIGN MINISTER HAD REQUESTED INFORMATION ON PLANS BY OTHER ALLIED FOREIGN MINISTERS FOR ATTENDANCE AT SOVIET V-E DAY RECEPTIONS IN NATO CAPITALS. DUTCH ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN INFORMATION ON ATTENDANCE BY NATO EMBASSIES IN NATO CAPITALS AT SOVIET V-E DAY RECEPTIONS. POLADS AGREED TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION, BUT THAT THEY HAD NO AUTHORITY TO TRY WORKING OUT A COMMON POSITION RE PLANS OF NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS TO ATTEND SOVIET RECEPTIONS. AS TO PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL SOVIET CELEBRATIONS BY NATO EMBASSIES IN NATO CAPITALS, CONSENSUS WAS THIS SHOULD BE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS AMONG NATO AMBASSADORS ON THE SPOT.
- 4. ACTION: IF AVAILABLE IN TIME FOR MAY 5 SPC, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON THE SECRETARYS PLANS FOR ATTENDANCE AT SOVIET-SPONSORED V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS IN WASHINGTON.BRUCE

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